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STUDY OF AMERICAN CHIPMUNKS

"Revision of the American Chipmunks (Genera *Tamias* and *Eutamias*)" is the title of North American Fauna No. 52, reporting on a study of these native rodents, and just published by the United States Department of Agriculture. The author, Arthur H. Howell, senior biologist of the Bureau of Biological Survey, has had opportunity to examine practically all the specimens of chipmunks in the principal museums and private collections in North America, numbering more than 1,300 of the eastern genus *Tamias*, and more than 13,000 of the western genus *Eutamias*.

Tamias is a compact group comprising but one species with five geographic races, while *Eutamias* is represented in North America by five distinct groups comprising 16 species and a total of 60 valid forms. Preceding a systematic review of all these forms, with maps showing their ranges, a general account of the life history of the chipmunks is given, including description of their habitat, burrows and nests, food and food-storing, hibernating, breeding, and other habits.

As to the economic status of these animals, the author says: "The eastern chipmunks occasionally damage grain in the fields and dig up and eat corn and other planted seeds, but in the main their habits in relation to